

REMARKS

A Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment has been received indicating that, in the amendment in response to a restriction requirement, the text of the cancelled claims were shown, in contravention to the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121.

Applicant has attached a set of claims showing the status of each claim but not including the text of claims 17-20. The Attorney for Applicant believes that the present amended set of claims is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121.

Applicant requests examination on the merits of claims 1-16.

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Respectfully submitted,



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